

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE
MINUTES 10/17/13

In attendance: John Hall, Beth Emery, Ron Krom, Howard Reid, Cindi Perugini, Kate Wolfe, Mark Thompson, Amy Vallaincourt, Laura Balm, Deb Stanley, Andy Chiaravallo: Middletown Area Transit (MAT)

Acceptance of minutes of 8/12/13 meeting: Amy and Mark

Andy Chiaravallo: Middletown Area Transit

Andy stated MAT is mentioned throughout the Complete Streets Master Plan and is interested in supporting the committee's endeavors for promoting bus transit. Andy assisted in getting the Bielefield school area on the bus route. He stated MAT will be getting 6 new Dial a Ride Vans in the near future with bike racks. A large majority of people who use the bus bike racks, use them for transportation from the bus stop to their final destination, instead of connecting to another bus. He will supply statistics on bike rack usage.

He stated there are instances when bus routes can be changed or added in house, if it doesn't require extensive funding or restructuring.

Bus shelters: none in Middletown because the stops are flexible, the bus will stop where needed; liability and maintenance is an issue; individuals congregating in front of businesses; costly.

Traffic Count of September 17, 2013:

Great success: % of bicycle and pedestrian traffic for the baseline count locations:

Snow School:	AM	2.69%
	PM	4.56%

Saybrook Road & East Main Street:	AM	1.15%
	PM	2.77%

McDonough School:	AM	18.39%
	PM	23.21%

Entrance to Stop and Shop:	AM	.477%
	PM	1.7%

Beth will prepare a report to provide to DPW, Patch, Eye and Middletown Press.

Presentation to Planning and Zoning on December 11, 2013:

John suggested CS conduct a presentation to the public prior to the P & Z. Good idea to get community feedback. The Jonah Center will act as the sponsor.

Wesleyan Multi Use Trail: John stated the Mayor will officially name him as the Committee Chair of the Wesleyan Multi Use Trail. A committee to select the Engineering Firm will be formulated. There are 9 Engineering Firms who have bid on the project, a few with experience with similar projects.

Bike Safety/Education Event: Beth Emery: scheduling is difficult right now; she will wait until spring when her calendar is lighter.

Community Events Calendar: Kate asked committee members to submit events. Looking for

opportunities to connect to the public and get the word out. Beth discussed futuristically having a link on the Environmental Conservation, Middletown's and MAT website for Complete Streets.

Bike Walk Connecticut Dinner is November 12, 2013. Laura Balm will be named as president.

Airline Trail to Portland: John stated through the Jonah Center the extension is still in the works.

Washington and West Street Traffic Lights: DOT will be replacing lights. Tom Nigosanti documented and took pictures of the busy intersection, noting numerous problems regarding safety and accessibility. He forwarded his report to DOT noting the following issues: "Although there are handicap ramps at all four corners of the intersection, there are no crosswalks. There are only 3 pedestrian push-buttons, (none on the southwest corner), and the only pedestrian lights are the ones crossing Washington Street on the easterly side of the intersection. Although there is a push-button on the northwest corner, none of the traffic signals are visible from that area. In light of the existing sidewalks on Washington Street, the proximity to Palmer Field and Veterans Park, it would seem prudent to include improvements to the pedestrian crossings at this time. " Awaiting response from DOT.

Middletown Riverfront Redevelopment: Two meetings have been held with the public's input. Many ideas have been suggested but there is still much work to be done. Environmental issues, sewer clean up etc. Extremely early phases of development,

Next meeting November 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM.